

What is Claimed is:

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1. A system, comprising:
a plurality of messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients;
a data center in operative communication with the plurality of messaging systems for storing a recipient preference profile associated with each respective recipient; and
a control system for:
accessing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message; and
using the intended recipient preference profile to process the message.
 - Sub C 2. The system of claim 1, wherein:
the recipient preference profile provides a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period; and
the control system is further for dispatching messages to the secondary address during the specified time period.
 3. The system of claim 1, wherein:
the recipient preference profile provides an indication of a preferred format for messages; and
the control system is further for dispatching messages to the intended recipient in the preferred format.
 - Sub A3 4. The system of claim 1, wherein:
the recipient preference profile includes no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages

from; and
the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient if the messaging system is operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein:
the recipient preference profile provides a message hold instruction; and
the control system is further for not dispatching messages to the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

4 6. The system of claim 3, wherein:
the control system is further for collecting discrete messages directed to the intended recipient while the hold instruction is active and consolidating the collected discrete messages into a composite message for delivery to the intended recipient when the hold instruction is not active.

Sub A4 7. A method of operating a data center, the method comprising the step(s) of:
communicating with a plurality of messaging systems, the messaging systems for processing respective messages intended for recipients; storing respective recipient preference profiles established by the recipients; and
providing an intended recipient preference profile corresponding to an intended recipient of a message for use by a messaging system in processing the message.

Sub A4 8. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step(s) of:
including within the recipient preference profile a primary address where messages are generally directed, a secondary address and a message

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rerouting instruction including a specified time period wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the secondary address during the specified time period.

9. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step(s) of:
including within the recipient preference profile an indication of a preferred format for messages and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are to be dispatched to the intended recipient in the preferred format.

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10. The method of claim 9, further comprising the step(s) of:
including within the recipient preference profile no interest data pertaining to senders that the intended recipient does not wish to receive messages from and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to the intended recipient if the messaging systems are operated by a sender described by the no interest data.

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11. The method of claim 7, further comprising the step(s) of:
including within the recipient preference profile a message hold instruction and wherein messages produced by the messaging systems are not to be dispatched to the intended recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

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12. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step(s) of:
collecting discrete messages directed to the intended recipient while the hold instruction is active and consolidating the collected discrete messages into a composite message for delivery to the intended recipient when the hold instruction is not active.

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13. A memory device accessible by an application program being executed on a control system, comprising:

a recipient preference profile, established by a recipient, including parameters intended to control aspects of messages produced by a plurality of senders that are intended for the recipient.

14. The memory device of claim 13, further comprising:

a primary address where messages are to be generally directed, a secondary address and a message rerouting instruction including a specified time period wherein messages produced by the plurality of senders are to be dispatched to the secondary address during the specified time period.

15. The memory device of claim 13, further comprising:

an indication of a preferred format for messages and wherein messages produced by the plurality of senders are to be dispatched to the recipient in the preferred format.

16. The memory device of claim 13, further comprising:

no interest data pertaining to selected senders that the recipient does not wish to receive messages from and wherein messages produced by the selected senders are not to be dispatched to the recipient.

17. The memory device of claim 13, further comprising:

a message hold instruction and wherein messages produced by the plurality of senders are not to be dispatched to the recipient while the message hold instruction is active.

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18. The memory of claim 17, further comprising:

discrete messages collected while the hold instruction is active and a

~~composite message to not active.~~

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